

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-47 without prejudice and enter the new claims as shown below. When the new claims have entered, please cancel claim 1.

In accordance with the Revised Rules under 37 C.F.R. 1.121, please amend the claims as shown below. The claims shown below may be indicated as original, currently amended, previously amended, cancelled, withdrawn, previously added, new, reinstated, previously reinstated, re-presented or allowed. In accordance with the Rules, the text of cancelled or withdrawn claims need not be presented.

Claims 1-47 (cancelled)

48. (new) A flashlight comprising:

a light emitting diode having first and second leads extending therefrom;

a power source having opposite first and second sides;

a housing including at least one side cover disposed on a first side of the flashlight that encloses and protects the leads of the light emitting diode and the power source, wherein the at least one side cover further comprises a die struck panel; and

a switch operable to close a circuit including the light emitting diode and the power source.

49. (new) The flashlight as in claim 48 wherein the at least one side cover further comprises a pair of side covers disposed adjacent the power source on opposing sides of the housing.

50. (new) The flashlight as in claim 48 wherein the die struck panel further comprises aluminum.

51. (new) The flashlight as in claim 48 wherein the die struck panel further comprises brass.

52. (new) The flashlight as in claim 48 wherein the die struck panel further comprises physical indicia disposed on an outer surface of the side panel.

53. (new) The flashlight as in claim 52 wherein the physical indicia further comprise coining.

54. (new) The flashlight as in claim 52 wherein the physical indicia further comprises a logo.

55. (new) The flashlight as in claim 52 wherein the physical indicia further comprises a name.

56. (new) The flashlight as in claim 52 wherein the physical indicia further comprises laser engraving.

57. (new). A flashlight comprising:
a light emitting diode;
a power source;
a power source frame adapted to receive the power source;
at least one die struck side cover enclosing at least a portion of the light source, the power source, and the power source frame;
a color disposed on the at least one side cover; and
a switch located adjacent the power source and operable to close a circuit including the light source and the power source.

58. (new) The flashlight as in claim 57 wherein the color disposed on the at least one side cover further comprises a plurality of colors.

59. (new) The flashlight as in claim 57 wherein the at least one die struck side cover

further comprises a second side cover disposed on an opposing side of the light source, the power source and the power source frame.

60. (new) The flashlight as in claim 57 wherein the die struck panel further comprises aluminum.

61. (new) The flashlight as in claim 57 wherein the die struck panel further comprises brass.

62. (new) The flashlight as in claim 57 wherein the die struck panel further comprises physical indicia disposed on an outer surface of the side panel.

63. (new) The flashlight as in claim 62 wherein the physical indicia further comprise coining.

64. (new) The flashlight as in claim 62 wherein the physical indicia further comprises a logo.

65. (new) The flashlight as in claim 62 wherein the physical indicia further comprises a name.

66. (new) The flashlight as in claim 62 wherein the physical indicia further comprises laser engraving.

67. (new) A flashlight comprising:
a light emitting diode having first and second leads extending therefrom;
a disk-shaped power source having a first and second sides, the second side being opposite the first;
a housing enclosing the leads of the light emitting diode and the power source;
a switch disposed adjacent the power source including an electrically conductive switch plate

operative to close a circuit including the power supply and the light emitting diode;

wherein the switch is activated by applying pressure to an elastomeric switch element for operative engagement with said switch plate whereby the circuit is completed,

wherein said housing further comprises a pair of generally flat side covers disposed on opposing sides of the flashlight in a mutually parallel relationship with each other and with the disk-shaped power supply; and

wherein at least one side cover of the pair of side covers further comprises a die struck side cover.